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The President today announced his intention to nominate John N. McMahon as Deputy Director of Central Intelligence. He would succeed Admiral B.R. Inman.

Mr. McMahon was graduated from Holy Cross College in 1951. In September, 1951, he joined the Central Intelligence Agency and was assigned overseas in 1952. In 1959, Mr. McMahon was assigned to the U-2 program and in 1965 was appointed Deputy Director of the Office of Special Projects. He was responsible for reconnaissance, research, development and operations. In 1971, he was named Director, Office of Electronic Intelligence. In 1973, he was appointed Director of Office of Technical Service. In 1974, Mr. McMahon was appointed Associate Deputy Director of the Directorate for Administration and in 1976 was named Associate Deputy to the Director of Central Intelligence for the Intelligence Community. He assumed the position of the Acting Deputy to the DCI for the Intelligence Community in 1977. He was appointed Deputy Director for Operations in 1978 and served in that capacity until April 1981 when he was named Deputy Director for National Foreign Assessment. On January 4, 1982, Mr. McMahon was appointed Executive Director of the Central Intelligence Agency.

Mr. McMahon holds two distinguished intelligence medals, the Intelligence Medal of Merit, and the Certificate of Distinction awarded by the Central Intelligence Agency. For his service with the Intelligence Community staff, he was awarded the Intelligence Distinguished Service Medal.

Mr. McMahon was born July 3, 1929 in East Norwalk, Connecticut. He is married and has four children ranging in age from 17 to 28.
